RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 19th April, 2000/30 Chaitra, 1922 (Saka)

The House met at Eleven of the Clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

THE CHAIRMAN: We will take up Q. nos. 361 and 363 together.

Migration of Sikhs From Kashmir Valley

†361. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: ††
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported decision of certain Sikhs families in Kashmir valley to migrate to other safer areas in view of the recent carnage at Chattishingpora;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to avoid such a situation as happened with Kashmiri Pandits earlier; and

(c) the details of the security arrangements made to instil confidence among the Sikhs in Kashmir valley?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) There has been no report of migration of Sikh families from the Valley. Security forces have strengthened the security arrangements in the Sikh inhabited villages in the Valley by interalia providing security pickets. Security Forces have also been asked to carry out regular patrolling and combing operations in Sikh inhabited areas. It has also been decided to set up Village Defence Committees in such villages, where sufficient volunteers are available.

Action against the Terrorists

†363. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA :
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

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† Starred Questions 361 and 363 were taken together.

†† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suresh Kalmadi.

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